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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Comments on 11 May 1977 Memo from John McMahon
to DDCI Concerning DIA PI Positions for NPIC

1. I welcome the support of the Intelligence Community Staff for NPIC's expressed requirement for additional photointerpreter positions. Mr. McMahon's memo, however, is not realistic concerning the timing of considerations and actions relating to NPIC's manpower needs.

2. The Department of Defense is now staffing and considering recommendations concerning NPIC's manpower requirement for 59 positions for FY 78 and FY 79. At the staff level, NPIC's requirement is receiving sympathetic considerations from DoD officers. I urge that Mr. G. Dineen, Assistant Secretary of Defense, be informed now that the Intelligence Community Staff supports the NPIC requirement, and that ICS supports that requirement for FY 78.

3. I shall cooperate fully with another study team, as proposed by the IC Staff, to review the entire national photo-interpretation resources in CIA and DIA. This will be the third such effort under IC Staff auspices in as many years, so I hope that it will endeavor to attack the problem from some different and more productive angles. I look forward to the opportunity to suggest some alternative approaches.

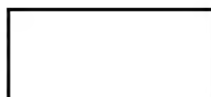
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